

\$1 billion plan a 'bargain, basement price'



Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

U.S. Rep Pete Visclosky traveled to PUC to discuss South Shore Expansion Wednesday. About 150 students and residents filled Alumni Hall to here the Visclosky discuss the long-term economic benefits of the new rail lines.

Brian Bultema
News Editor

The \$1 billion plan to extend the South Shore line to Valparaiso and Lowell is a "bargain, basement price" Northwest Indiana residents cannot afford to pass up, U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky said Wednesday.

Preaching the gospel of the proposed extension, Visclosky spoke to 150 students and resi-

dents at PUC in Alumni Hall to convince the crowd the plan makes sense.

He particularly appealed to PUC students, who he said will experience the long-term economic benefits of the new lines.

Visclosky cited a recent study by Policy Analytics Studies in his speech, which predicts 26,000 new jobs and \$81.9 billion in increased economic activity would arise in the next 30 years from the new South Shore routes.

"We owe it to you young peo-

ple," Visclosky said. "And we won't just wait for God to intervene."

Visclosky also devoted a portion of his presentation to explain the financing of the proposed extension.

Indiana taxpayers will be responsible for \$350 million of the project, Visclosky said. The Regional Development Authority of Indiana will pick up \$150 million of the tab, and the remaining \$500 million will be matched by federal tax dollars.

It's a price Visclosky said NWI needs to pay now.

"Are we just going to sit around and do nothing?" Visclosky asked. "There is a huge cost to just do nothing."

But not everyone bought what the Merrillville Democrat was selling.

Kevin Cornett, the founder of People Opposed to the South Shore Expansion, said he has doubts about the economic benefits of the new rail lines.

"Look at Hammond. There's

economic blight all around the existing South Shore line," Cornett said.

Cornett also said Visclosky makes it seem like the \$500 million of federal tax dollars to help finance the construction will come out of nowhere.

"That money comes right out of our pockets too," he said.

Chuck Barnian, an opponent

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A taste of international culture returns to PUC

Mike Ayala
Staff Writer

PUC students may want to brush up on their French, Chinese and Spanish skills.

Beginning Feb. 6, PUC is welcoming the International Film Series back to campus — a three-month film festival that will feature a new foreign film weekly.

Steven Lombardo, continuing lecturer in the Department of Foreign Languages and co-organizer of the series, said international films were shown at PUC a few years ago.

But the series ended when the original organizer left PUC.

Lombardo and James "Andy" Miller, assistant professor of English and co-organizer of the series, were inspired to restart the event while they were on assignment in China.

"There's so much you have to interpret in a culture that isn't your own," Lombardo said.

The interpretation is intellectually satisfying and necessary for college students, he said.

Lombardo hopes the event will convey that experience to all of those who attend.

"It can be somewhat of a puzzle; it's very engaging," he said.

Miller and Lombardo plan to show several films genres - including action, comedy and drama - from a different languages each month.

French films will be featured once each week for the entire month of February. Chinese films will be shown during the month of March and Spanish films during the month of April.

"I went to these kinds of things, and I loved it," Miller said.

Showtimes for the films will alternate from Wednesday to Thursday. This is an attempt to give all students a chance to see at least one movie, Lombardo said.

Although each film will be in a

different language, all of them will contain English subtitles. Each film will be about two hours long. Lombardo said he wants to avoid showing movies any longer than that.

"We don't want people dozing off," he said.

Miller and Lombardo anticipate the series sparking interest in international film and foreign studies in students.

Lombardo hopes the series will become popular enough to ex-

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Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., the Counseling Center will allow those who do not have an appointment to visit the center.

For additional information about the center, please call 989-2366.

Purdue Vocal Company

The Purdue Vocal Company is holding an informational meeting for singers and other musicians on Feb. 5 in SUL 353.

The group is open to staff, faculty and students. They perform for many events linked with PUC, including graduation.

The group currently holds choir practice in SUL 353 on Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Those who would like to be involved, but cannot attend the meeting, may contact Patricia Hales in Porter 114A.

Blood drive

The REC Center and School of Nursing will be holding a blood drive in Alumni Hall in SUL on Feb. 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The drive is open to everyone with an ID. Walk-ins are welcome, but donors are encouraged to make an appointment.

All who donate will receive a free music download card.

For more information, call 989-2709.

Study abroad scholarship

The International Programs Office is offering a \$1,000 study abroad scholarship to any student interested in studying abroad.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 15 and the announcement will be made by March 1.

For more information, e-mail the International Programs Office at ipo@calumet.purdue.edu.

Homecoming dance

The PUC homecoming is Feb. 9. The men's basketball team will be playing Judson College at 7:30 p.m. and the women will take on Judson at 4:30 p.m. Admission to the game is free for students and faculty.

The homecoming dance will follow the men's game from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Calumet Conference Center behind there REC Center. There will be free food, photos, homecoming royalty announcements and music by DJ Raskal.

One guest is permitted per student at the dance.

Game night

Student Activities is sponsoring a game night for all students as part of the Thrilling Thursday series. The event will occur on Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in Calumet Falls.

Meet the candidates

Student Activities is sponsoring a meet and greet session with the candidates for homecoming on Feb. 5 in Calumet Falls beginning at 10 a.m.

Homecoming royalty candidates will be introduced to the crowd, light refreshments will be provided and a DJ will be on hand.

SGA meetings

If you have any issues dealing with grade appeals, advisors, textbooks or any other student related complains please stop by the Student Government office SUL room 324E.

Office hours for the spring semester are: Monday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Senate meetings are scheduled Feb. 4, 8, 18 and 22 at 6:30pm.

Senate meetings are open to all students.

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\$2 minimum charge removed



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Chartwells Dining Service has decided to remove its policy of a \$2 minimum requirement on purchases made on a debit or credit card.

Donny Lail

Chronicle Correspondent

Chartwells Dining Services repealed its long-standing policy of rejecting debit or credit card purchases not amounting to more than \$2 at PUC.

The policy change is a matter of great importance for Chartwells, according to food service director Larry Posen.

"We try to be very responsive and do what's best for the students — so we abolished the policy," Posen said.

The change, implemented Jan. 28, came partly in response to the Student Government Association's pressure on Chartwell's during the past year.

"We've been working on this for over a year," Toi Taylor, an SGA member, said. "It's something we've been steadfast with."

Chartwells implemented the \$2 minimum charge when they started accepting credit and debit cards to minimize fees and charges from the credit companies, according to Posen.

Chartwells pays a fee per transaction for card usage, a percent of the entire transaction and a rental for the card machine.

For Chartwells, a \$2 minimum charge made good sense.

Students could not disagree more.

"I'd buy something for \$1.95 and they'd say I needed to buy something else," said PUC student Ken Pettigrew. "So you spend an extra dollar here and an extra dollar there, it really starts to add up. Sometimes I'd just put it back."

SGA Vice President Crystal Watson said the organization consistently hears complaints from students about two issues: textbooks and food prices.

In order to help students save money, SGA decided to fight against the policy they received many complaints about.

Former SGA President Steven Lynch addressed the issue to Chartwells last year, but received no response.

"It's not like they were rude, they just ignored us," Watson said.

Yet during winter break SGA heard an NBC report explaining minimum charge obligations were illegal.

Former SGA senator Jaime Blakeley pushed the issue at a Food Service Committee meeting by threatening to expose these practices to the credit card companies and take legal action.

On Jan. 21 the SGA sent an e-mail to Chartwells stating they were taking legal action immediately.

By Friday the minimum charge was removed.

Watson said the SGA is satisfied that such a contentious issue was finally resolved.

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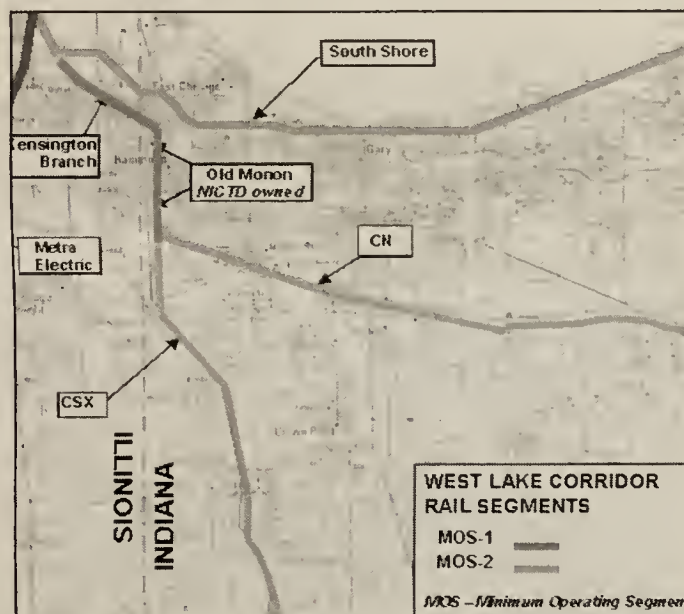


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U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky said the new rail lines will remove burden from current trains.

of the extension who ran for Congress against Visclosky in 2006, expressed concern about the width of the railways to be used for the new lines. He said the line to Lowell will require the use of eminent domain laws for news stations and parking lots.

Barman also said expansion south effectively condemns struggling NWI cities to economic difficulty.

"I think this is very unfair to Gary, Hammond and East Chicago because once you take the train south, those communities will never be the same," he said.

Visclosky assured the crowd that homes would not be snatched

up by the government, and objected that the new lines would encourage a new wave of urban sprawl.

He pointed out ridership on the existing line is the highest it's been at 4.2 million passengers in 2006. More lines would merely take the burden off current trains, he added.

Visclosky also stressed the importance of NWI becoming more tied in with Chicago to increase access to high-paying jobs downtown.

His presentation came one day after the Indiana House passed the extension bill, which will now go to the Indiana Senate for approval.

PUC graduate publishes book



Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Former PUC graduate Marie Eisenstein recently had her book "Religion and the Politics of Tolerance" published by Baylor University Press.

Shelly Leverenz
Chronicle Correspondent

PUC graduate Marie Eisenstein was so intrigued by her dissertation work on religion and political tolerance that she wrote her first book.

The book by the Indiana University Northwest professor, "Religion and the Politics of Tolerance: How Christianity Builds Democracy," discusses her favored subject — religion and political tolerance in the contemporary United States.

Eisenstein argues that within the public — especially in the higher education research arena — religious people, particularly Christians are often portrayed as politically intolerant.

"Political tolerance is defined as the willingness to extend civil liberties to those with whom you disagree," Eisenstein said. "You must disagree with a person, group or position in order to eval-

uate whether or not you are capable of political tolerance toward that person, group or position."

To prove her point that Christians are politically tolerant, Eisenstein performed her own original research and data.

She used three different types of research groups, all of which included Lake County residents. Eisenstein performed a random sample phone survey consisting of 600 Christians, focus groups from four different churches in the local area, and an experimental survey given to IUN Christian students.

Eisenstein said results showed that although Christians do not necessarily agree with certain social or moral issues, such as abortion or stem cell research, they are just as politically tolerant or intolerant as anyone else.

To Eisenstein's surprise, she found that despite the rumors of popular media "Christians in the United States support the values and processes of a liberal democracy."

Her book describes how many Christians may be against abortion while still supporting the right for pro-choice individuals to express their concern for abortion rights.

According to Eisenstein, all four types of Christian groups studied not only support democracy but believe it is a better form of government than a majority of the population.

"The established relationship between religion and issue attitude position does not translate into any influence on political tolerance," Eisenstein said. "It suggests that issue attitude positions, even when informed by religion, do not ipso facto translate into less political tolerance."

Eisenstein received her bachelor's in political science from PUC in 1996, her master's in political science in 2000 and her doctorate in political science in 2004 from Purdue West Lafayette.

Films

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pand to the community in future years. But he said PUC is a great starting point.

Organizing the event has been relatively easy for the organizers.

"Probably the hardest thing was choosing films," Miller said.

Miller wanted the films to be

unique and interesting, but not so unusual that people will not understand them.

"It's not (about) Andy and Steve's favorite movies," he said.

Lombardo plans on holding a contest for students to design a logo for the event. The event will

give international students a chance to suggest movies from their own country and explain more about their culture, Lombardo said.

A short discussion will be held before and after the movies are shown.

Viewers will have the opportunity to discuss their impressions about the films and their feelings about the countries they originated from.

The movies will be shown in PUC's new theatre, the YJean Chambers Hall, located on the top

floor of the SUL building at 7 p.m.

There will be no charge to attend, and the event is open to the community.

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Let the rail line expand



Rick Balutewicz
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Hardly a day goes by that there isn't at least one newspaper article addressing the South Shore Expansion plan for Northwest Indiana.

It has caused so much debate that even Pete Visclosky is making the rounds, trying to persuade the public by clarifying the means the government will take to pay for it and the benefits that will ensue.

Most people at PUC I have talked to are in favor of it, but to those who may be opposed please read to these points.

Let us address the most common complaint and that is how it will be paid for. The state is diverting tax money we've already paid, contrary to what most people opposed to it think - which is taxes will go up.

Please step back and look at it logically. Even if taxes did go up, people would be able to save money in other areas of their lives. These areas may be saving by spending less on gas by utilizing the train. It may be in the form of lower gas prices because of less consumption.

If more people used a train system, then less would be using gas to fuel their cars. This would cause a surplus of gas - meaning lower prices and cleaner air.

People would also benefit by companies that would have incentive to build around the train line. The main incentive for companies is they now have a larger work force to draw from because of the convenience the train would create. Residents around Chicagoland area would also have a large array of jobs to choose from.

People may also save money because of the added dollars to the economy these companies would generate. Many times families have to relocate because of the main breadwinner's job moved. This leaves the spouse in search for a job, and many times is too over qualified for available jobs.

With the South Shore expansion, a new job market would be open to them. This would not necessarily save them money, but add money to the household by adding a second income.

All these benefits might sound appetizing, but the best has been saved for last.

This one goes out to all those who are opposed and is one that most people can relate to. There would be less drivers on the road. This would result in less stress, less headaches, less stiff shoulders, less pains shooting up the back of your neck because some little old lady just cut you off. If the expansion was already in place then that sweet little old lady could have been on the train instead of in front of you.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Rick Balutewicz at rbaloo72@yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.



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Extend open lab hours

The issue: After-hour access

Our opinion: Extend hours for research and homework

Sometimes staying past school hours is something students just have to do.

Come 11 p.m., PUC police officers often escort or remind students of closing time for most buildings - if they haven't closed at earlier times.

It's always time to pack up and leave once an officer is seen scoping out the area late at night.

And it's regardless whether a student is done with what they have to do.

That's understandable, because school hours need to be enforced. Yet administrators need to remember why students stay late during the week and weekends.

There are two obvious reasons: homework and research. Some homework and research can't be done during the week at what seems like decent hours to others.

Late last fall semester, a pilot program was implemented to allow students "exterior access to academic buildings after normal building hours," according to an e-mail sent out by Melinda Dargarn, dean of students.

This is a great piece added to

solve the puzzle, but this still needs other essential missing pieces.

Students have to receive a written approval from a faculty member with the permission of a department head.

The request needs to include the building and room number and date needed access. This authorization then needs to be received by the PUC Police Department no less than five business days prior the date. Then the students need to receive an access card.

Is the hassle worth it? Some argue yes, but there can be an easier solution to this problem.

Will extended building hours help? Yes, but again it's understood why that can't really happen. Reasons such as security and crime would be an issue.

If PUC would extend the hours of some exteriors of the buildings the hassle of signing off and approving after-hour access would be minimal.

Majority of students stay on campus to utilize the computer labs for typing documents or access to the internet.

Another solution? Extend hours in open labs. If PUC administrators are feeling generous perhaps allowing access to specialized labs for specific majors would assist greatly.

The Main Computer Lab in the Powers Building stays open until 11 p.m. from Monday to Thursday; 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; and until 9 p.m. on Sunday.

These short hours, especially on the weekends, are not going to cut it.

The Gyte Learning Commons closes at nearly the same hours as other labs. Other open computer stations are off limits once the buildings close - extremely early during the weekend especially.

Extension of hours until midnight or 1 a.m. would help immensely and prove helpful for students (both undergraduate and graduate) who lead busy lives and schedules.

PUC needs to take one more step forward to ensure flexible hours for its students. Implementing the pilot program was a smart move, but extending lab hours would be even smarter.

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Don't forget about your family

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It's amazing how many people take their families for granted.

The down time watching television together, eating dinner and discussing the day's encounters or even the quiet company of a morning cup of coffee are precious.

Rarely are these things thought of as precious moments until they aren't there anymore.

Some don't have the luxury of seeing family every day. Family time may be reserved for a week in the summer and a quick trip home for the holidays.

Some of them live in another state or even another country. Talking to mom and dad every day isn't a given.

It's a phone call that's placed when there's time to talk and being a student really crunches the time for social calls. It's rare that a call will be placed just to talk about the weather or how horrible school was.

Seeing friends who still live with their families causes envy. It's easy for them to go to their parents if they're strapped for cash, need some advice or just have a funny story that mom would appreciate.

Some have experienced time cut short. Other won't live more than few minutes from mom and dad as long as they live. We are left regretting the things we didn't do, didn't say or didn't experience with someone.

As time goes on, the regret may even turn into anger and resentment towards those around that still have "all the time in the world".

Seeing others with family brings the thought "I wish I could do that with my family" or "I remember when we use to do that". It's not a good feeling, but it's hard to block it out. If an argument starts because there's bickering over who's going to watch television, just stop.

Is it really important to argue something as silly as a television show? Why not find something to watch together?

People want to spend more time with friends and significant others. Make sure that there is always time for family.

They are the ones that will love unconditionally and be there through thick and thin. Don't take their presence for granted. Some times life happens and families become separated.

A favor can be done by cherishing the time now. Not dwelling on the time wasted.

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Something's mooing on campus



Chronicle photo by Katie Ramsey

In the CLO building, Don Broers distributes samples of the Moo Moo's Vegetarian Cuisine to freshman Josephine Gomez and professor Janet Navarro. The new vegetarian cuisine line is available on campus in the Oaken Arbor Café.

Katie Ramsey

Associate Entertainment Editor

Something is mooing in Oaken Arbor Café, and it's not coming from a hamburger.

The Oaken Arbor Café offers the usual on the go lunch items and serve the usual fries, burgers and pizza. Only a few healthy options are available like soups, salads, and rotisserie chicken. Even then a lot offered has meat in it or allergens.

Fear not. Moo Moo's Vegetarian Cuisine is to the rescue.

As of Jan. 14, PUC welcomed the whole line of healthy alternatives available to students.

Moo Moo's is a new, healthy alternative to quick junk food.

PUC's own Chef Larry Posen is a supporter of this new line of healthiness.

"We wanted something that was more focused on vegetarians. It fits dietary needs," Posen said. "This is our way of saying: Hey, here it is."

Everything on their menu is prepared with organic ingredients and is 100 percent natural. Just steam, microwave or cook and presto: a healthy on-the-go meal.

People hear the word organic and think of bland, boring side dishes that taste like cardboard. This menu is a lot more satisfying than an average rice cake.

It all started in 2005 with a lady named Michele Rastelli – whose childhood nickname was "Moo Moo."

She was sick and tired of the "blah" healthy vegetarian foods had to offer. She started experimenting and, with the help of her father, got her idea off the ground.

There are currently 12 dishes available. One menu item Zesty Lemon Pasta sounds delectable. It includes the pizzazz of lemon parsley garlic ribbon noodles tossed in a zesty lemon sauce with artichokes, fresh parmesan, garlic and toasted walnuts.

How can you go wrong with anything that has garlic in it?

Posen warns that while vegetarians and vegans may find these dishes delectable, the average meat lover may not be so enthusiastic. They have that organic, "green" flavor to them.

He recommends the Sweet and Spicy Tofu for someone with an adventurous palate, and the mild SaMoosa Balls for the less adventurous.

Complete chaos with 'Cloverfield'

Kristen Hannigan

Staff Writer

Some party crashers are welcomed. Some are not.

Unfortunately for those at Rob's (Michael Stahl-David) going away party and citizens of Manhattan, this is one party crasher who doesn't want to go home.

Some kind of monster hits the city.

A tanker capsizes. Lady Liberty's head ends up in the street. Bridges collapse.

In short, all hell breaks loose.

Friends Rob, Lily (Jessica Lucas), Hud (T.J. Miller), Jason (Mike Vogel) and Marlena (Lizzy Caplan) fight to stay alive while Rob's former love, Beth, (Odette Yustman) is trapped in her apartment.

After a slow and boring start, "Cloverfield" redeems itself for the remainder of the 85 minute film as a loud and attention-grabbing thriller.

"Cloverfield" is not one of the best movies ever created but views better than expected for a documentary-shot style film.

The shaky camera is annoying at times, but what can be expected

from someone running for their life?

The plot isn't the most creative either; a monster is unleashed on a huge city-catastrophe and mass panic ensue while a man tries to save his lady love.

But for what it lacks, it makes up for it with creature/human interaction reminiscent of "Jurassic Park."

"Cloverfield" has multiple viewing potential written all over it: the initial viewing just to soak in the screen action and others to catch clues.

After a look around on the Web, numerous sites can be found pertaining to the movie - from character Myspace pages, theories as to what the last line says on YouTube or by typing in "Cloverfield Clues" on the search engine of choice.

It just shows the hype 'Cloverfield' has created among movie watchers.

For those who scare easily or cannot stand shaky camera footage, rethink seeing "Cloverfield" on the big screen.

Watch it at home where pausing and stopping can be done and \$10 at the theater is not wasted.

"Cloverfield" is rated PG-13 for violence, terror and disturbing images.



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"Cloverfield," rated PG-13, begins with boring script and plot but quickly redeems itself during the final moments of the film. "Cloverfield" is not one of the best movies ever and is only worth a movie rental in the future.

Whosaidit?

"Be sure to wear a good cologne, a nice aftershave lotion, and a strong underarm deodorant. And it might be a good idea to wear some clothes, too."

Last week's answer: **Brad Pitt**

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Treats on tracks great for students with tots

Kimberly Cheek
Staff Writer

If Chuck E. Cheese is still a bit too hectic for the toddler at home, try Tyler's Tender in Schererville. This year old, train-themed restaurant is sure to delight small children – especially young boys.

The relatively small restaurant boasts a large tabletop track with three trains and interactive scenery. Firehouse doors open and close, stoplights flash, and ponies trot.

Although the glass-encased table would benefit from being a foot shorter, it is nonetheless very engaging. Children can even start the trains with a series of buttons surrounding the table.

The dining area consists of six booths lighted with train lanterns and a large, round counter surrounded by bright red stools. For small children, sitting at the counter is a must. When food leaves the kitchen, it is placed on the flat beds of a small, eight-car train and travels across the countertop to the customer. Little ones are mesmerized.

Tyler's kid's menu includes



Ethan Kelly observes the train display located in the middle of the Tyler's Tender restaurant, on Route 30 in Schererville. Tyler's Tenders also has a miniature train that kids are able to ride.

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

pizza, grilled cheese and mini hamburgers and tacos. But it doesn't leave mom and dad out either. Chicken Caesar wraps, mushroom Swiss burgers, and a unique strawberry spinach salad

complement the menu. Items for adults average \$6, and children eat for around \$5.

Young ones can ride an electric caboose in an adjoining room separated by a silver wall that resem-

bles a train. The brightly colored red, yellow, and green cars are just the right size for kids. Adults can even squeeze inside. The train circles a small track, and rides are only a \$1.

Parties can also be held at the restaurant. For around \$10 a child, each guest can have pizza, pop, and two free train rides. A small party room with four tables is included and features a train that runs along a track suspended from the ceiling.

Another of the restaurant's advantages is its laid back attitude. Waitresses are hardly fazed by children running back and forth, operating the loud tabletop train, or shouting "choo-choo go!" every other minute.

Young kids are encouraged to have fun, and can even take some of it home with them. Train t-shirts, onesies, mugs, models, whistles, hats, and even DVDs can be bought.

This is not a romantic hangout for mom and dad, but rather a unique place where the family can spend a little "loud" time together.

Try Tyler's Tender for your next family outing.

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Biggest man on campus

Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

His videos on YouTube almost are comical. It appears to be a giant playing among middle school boys.

His size 28 shoes are larger than most. They are custom-made Nike's just for this 7-foot-7, 360 pound giant named Kenny George. The center from the University of North Carolina-Asheville is the tallest man ever to play Division I basketball.

He's a giant who can literally stand flat footed and dunk a basketball. He can block shots without lifting a foot off the ground, and can be a one-man zone causing havoc for opposing teams to get the ball inside due to his 101 1/2 inch wingspan. George is averaging 13 points per game and eight rebounds, while playing only 20 minutes a game, due to trouble with his knees.

The downfalls of standing nearly eight feet tall off the ground for the Chicago native is the incredible amount of stress on his limbs that comes with being so big. George is being compared to soaring men of the past - Manute Bol (7-foot-7), Gheorghe Muresan (7-foot-7) and Shawn Bradley (7-foot-6).

George grew up on the north side of Chicago and attended Chicago Latin. He initially had interest in attending Valparaiso, but



UNC-Asheville's Kenny George towers over all opponents standing 7-feet-7 inches. George averages four blocks a game.

changes occurred after academic problems his senior year. George is said to be quiet and shy and lives in a world where it is hard for him to hide.

George is so tall he can't fit behind a wheel of a car. He has yet to get his license and his dad will drive to come pick him up at the

end of the semester for the long drive back to Chicago.

UNC-Asheville has made a special eight foot bed for the young man to sleep in his dormitory. He plans to pursue a career in film writing and directing after he receives his degree in mass communication.

Sports recaps

The Cardinal Stritch University Wolves defeated PUC 86-57, Wednesday night in Milwaukee, Wis.

The Wolves (18-4, 5-0 CCAC) kept their unbeaten conference record intact and ran their winning streak to seven game.

PUC (5-20, 1-4) was down at the break 42-19.

Sophomore Sara Keilman tied for game-high scoring honors with 16. Senior co-captain Linsey Smith hit three 3-pointers and finished with 15 points.

Next Wednesday's game at the REC Center will give the first 100 fans a box of candy, and one lucky couple will win a Valentine's Day dinner during the game.

All PUC students with a school photo ID get free admission.

The men from PUC traveled to Milwaukee, Wis. on Wednesday and lost to Cardinal Stritch University 65-42.

The Peregrines trailed at intermission 28-18.

PUC (4-18, 2-4 CCAC) shot 1-for-19 from the 3-point line and shot only 24 percent from the field for the game.

Kevin Thomas led the Peregrines in rebounding, pulling down eight and having five steals.

The Wolves (12-11, 4-2) played 14 players and 13 players scored for Cardinal Stritch.

The Peregrines host Trinity Christian College next Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the first of two games with the men playing at 7 p.m.

Women Jan.30 PUC 57, Cardinal Stritch 86

PUC	FG	REB	PTS
12 Harris, J.	1/8	1	4
22 Lobodinski, C.	3/8	6	9
32 Keilman, S.	5/7	5	16
40 Dugan, S.	2/6	4	4
44 Smith, L.	5/9	2	15
10 Enright, N.	2/6	1	7
24 Robinson, C.	1/3	4	2
Team	19/47	31	57

Cardinal Stritch	FG	REB	PTS
12 Gilgenbach, B.	4/5	2	10
14 Caldwell, J.	4/8	5	9
22 Stelloh, M.	6/11	4	13
40 Ewald, T.	6/9	0	16
42 Shirey, M.	3/6	2	7
10 Gray, A.	2/3	2	7
20 Daum, B.	3/6	1	7
24 Skorusa, R.	0/0	2	0
30 Henke, J.	2/4	2	7
32 Klocek, C.	2/3	3	6
34 Bares, J.	1/3	2	2
44 Smith-Hirsch, B.	1/2	0	2
Team	34/60	31	86

Men Jan.30 PUC 42, Cardinal Stritch 65

PUC	FG	REB	PTS
54 Thomas, K.	3/6	8	7
12 Collins, J.	3/10	1	9
20 Krstevski, K.	0/6	7	2
22 Patton, M.	0/1	4	0
33 Cruz, C.	2/11	3	8
30 Williams, R.	0/2	2	1
31 McNeal, A.	1/3	1	6
32 Latimore, J.	2/6	2	4
42 Hurt, A.	0/4	3	2
Team	12/51	38	42

Cardinal Stritch	FG	REB	PTS
12 Barron, P.	2/5	3	5
15 Bayliss, T.	5/16	6	14
21 Dekker, C.	3/5	6	9
40 Triplett, T.	3/10	6	10
43 Dobbe, I.	0/2	6	10
04 Mayeau, C.	0/1	1	0
05 Nash, L.	0/0	0	0
10 Weathers, D.	0/1	0	0
22 Sorenson, S.	0/1	1	4
23 Williams, E.	1/1	1	7
30 D'Amico, B.	1/4	3	2
32 Peck, S.	1/1	1	3
42 Matsen, M.	1/2	9	4
55 Dean, D.	2/3	4	5
Team	19/52	49	65

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Going for the hat trick



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Samantha Bartucci, a freshman marketing major competes in the air hockey tournament held Tuesday night in the game room at PUC. This week's intramurals include 4 on 4 indoor soccer on Monday night in the REC Center, 4 on 4 bowling on Tuesday night at Plaza Lanes, 6 on 6 co-ed volleyball on Thursday night at the REC Center.



Ryan Metz's Weekly High Five

1 Micheal Jackson

Super Bowl XXVII - 1993

This performance in the Rose Bowl, offered Jackson body doubles popping out at opposite ends of the stadium's roof. Then the eccentric Jackson appeared in the middle of the field and paused for a minute and a half before jumping into the performance.

2 U2

Super Bowl XXXVI - 2002

The names of the 9/11 victims scrolled down a screen behind Bono, as they performed "Where the Streets Have No Name." At the song's climax Bono opened his jacket which had the American flag in the inner lining.

3 Tim Allen, Judd Hulett, and the New Line

Super Bowl XXXVIII - 2004

The 140 million people watching the show don't remember that Jessica Simpson, Nelly, P.Diddy, and Kid Rock even performed at this show? A 550,000 dollar fine was levied to CBS by the FCC for the "wardrobe malfunction."

4 Prince

Super Bowl XLI - 2007

A curious choice after broadcasters tried to bring in less controversial acts after the Timberlake, Jackson act. The artist formerly known as, rocked the rainy stage in Miami outlined in his Prince logo with a marching band performing along the way.

5 Rolling Stones

Super Bowl XL - 2006

A 62-year-old Mick Jagger strutted the stage that replicated the band's wagging tongue logo. Jagger set the trend on old men wearing tight leather pants and swaying their hips in awkward positions.

NATIONAL LAMPPOON SPORTS MINUTE

New York Knicks coach Isiah Thomas' 19-year-old son was arrested for underage drinking. His father immediately signed him to a six-year contract. The news is especially unfortunate because everything had been going so well for Isiah.

Heat center Shaquille O'Neal has indicated that he will keep playing basketball for at least two more years. The rap world is thrilled.

Nike's new Jordan 23s will cost 230 dollars a pair. You may think that's extravagant but 115 dollars of that goes directly to Michael Jordan's ex-wife. Wow, 230 dollars for shoes.

Terrell Owens reportedly exchanged phone numbers with Paris Hilton in a Dallas nightclub, probably to discuss their mutual love of trainwrecks.

Former Silver medalist boxer Amir Khan is already drawing big money and big hype, despite non-thrilling performances against ordinary opposition. Apparently "Amir Khan" is Pakistani for "Ryan Leaf."

And a group called Project-Franchise.org is raising money to buy a professional sports team, and plans to let the fans vote on every decision.

The group is based in Miami, but the Heat, Dolphins, and Marlins are not being considered. The point, after all is to buy a professional sports team.

-Written by Steve Hofstetter, Keith Alberstadt, Adam Hofstetter, Cody-Marley, Ryan Murphy, Elliot Steingart, and Chris Strait

A Giant roadblock



Ryan Metz
Sports
Editor

A dynasty crumbled in front of our eyes as chants of Eli, Eli rang from the crowd at Super Bowl 42 in Glendale, Ariz. on Sunday evening.

The underdogs came to play and beat the heavily favored New England Patriots 17-14 in one of the most shocking Super Bowl games in history.

The Patriots, with the weight of the world on their shoulders, entered the game 18-0. Playing for a perfect season. For the first time since the 1972, Dolphins accomplished the feat of perfection.

The Patriots were swirled in controversy all week having speculation that "spygate" - which originated in week one against the Jets - possibly could have also happened in their Super Bowl victory over the St. Louis Rams in 2002.

The smug head coach of the Patriots, Bill Belichick, couldn't even bear to watch the final play as he headed towards the locker room, knowing it will be an unbearable off-season dealing with criticism of cheating and having the pressure be too much to finish out a perfect season.

The Patriots offense that scorched the league all season long couldn't get their feet out of the mud and struggled to move the ball across the field all night long.

The Giants defensive front put constant pressure on Tom Brady all night and found just enough to slow down the Patriots.

The New York G-Men lost six games this year and found them-

selves having to climb an uphill battle playing every playoff game on the road.

In the fourth quarter of his biggest game, the heavily scrutinized Eli Manning floated a pass to the left side of the end zone where Plaxico Burress hauled it in with 35 seconds remaining to stun the Patriots.

As older brother Peyton pumped his fists in celebration, knowing his younger brother would join him as Super Bowl MVP.

"That's the position you want to be in," said Manning as he accepted the Super Bowl MVP award. "You want the ball in your hands with two minutes to go in the game."

The confidence that the Giants played with, ironically, began in the last regular season game of the year as the Giants were defeated by the Patriots, 38-35 but played them down to the wire and took a swagger that carried them through the playoffs.

Their growing confidence carried them through playoff victories at Tampa, Dallas and a frosty Green Bay, and then past the mightiest opponent of all - the untarnished Patriots.

Redemption couldn't be any sweeter for Manning, as critics have doubted every asset of his personality, skill and demeanor throughout his young career.

His former teammate Tiki Barber trashed him in the media saying that when Eli tried to give motivational pre-game speeches, he sounded "comical."

Looks like the younger Manning got the last laugh.

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A day in the life of a hooper



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Sophomore forward Sara Keilman gives the inside scoop of events on the road with the women's basketball team

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008:
Road trip to Milwaukee.

We were suppose to leave at 1:30 p.m., or so we were told.

1:55 p.m.

We started finally to Milwaukee, a two and a half hour drive away. You know you are from Hammond when our bus has more bass than your car. The bus was bumping. That's funny!

The guys finally brought a few movies to choose from. Everytime we have a far away game, the women's team is the only ones that even bring movies to choose from.

Every game, the guys say the same thing. "What'd you bring? You better not put on like the 'The Notebook' or any chick flick." So what did they put on, "Katt Williams: American Hustle". Of course the guys would put that on.

Women's head coach Tom Megyesi has said stuff to us before when we put on "Knocked Up". Apparently the girls on the women's team are a bunch of perverts and like perverted movies.

Well, obviously the game is over. We lost. Already I can't wait until we play them again. The men's team is down by 10 points

right now, with about 16 minutes left to play. They can get a victory on the road. I love listening to coach Gordon coach. He cracks me up. He's always talking; maybe that's why I like him so much.

9:30 p.m.

Every time someone uses foul language they have to do push-ups.

After the men's game Lobo (Chrissy Lobodinski) said the word that rhymes with "it". Meme (Jamesha Harris) tried telling on her to coach Megyesi, but Meg reminded her if she repeated what Lobo said, she too would have to do push-ups. Meme replied "Oh he-double hockey sticks (but she actually said the word) no." And she had to do push-ups for that.

Finally were on our way home. It's been long enough but it's going to be longer. One of the guys got hurt during the game, so we have to go to the hospital to pick him up. I really hope it does not snow on the way home.

11:00 p.m.

Almost the whole men's team and women's team are in the lobby, eating from the vending machines while we wait for Anto-

nio Hurt to get his x-ray results. I have to admit they had decent food in those machines.

Shannon Dugan and I split some pizza rolls then got ice cream. We were so segregated though. The men's team at one table, the women's at the other. The men were so funny; they were reminiscing about middle school and grade school lunch hours. Ha Ha. We listened and talked about our boyfriends to each other.

At about 11:30 p.m. we went back downstairs in the emergency waiting room and wait there for Antonio. Finally a half an hour later he came out.

12:00 a.m.

We started our two-hour trip back to PUC.

1:58 a.m.

I don't know if anyone slept. I lay down with everyone talking and woke up to everyone still talking. My back is going to kill me in the morning, that's for sure.

It's so hot on the bus right now I don't care about my car being freezing. I'm actually looking forward to freezing. Three more miles until PUC's parking lot. Then I get to drive a few miles and go to sleep in my bed.

I hope you enjoyed the diary of Sara Keilman, a junior in marketing and advertising.

It's the battle of roeshamboe

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

Nikola Drljaca fought off bruised thumbs and knuckles to be crowned the second annual Intramural Rock, Paper, Scissors champion last Thursday night in the REC Center Gym.

"I'm feeling a rush of emotion right now, it probably won't hit me till later that I won," junior philosophy major Drljaca said.

The tournament featured a total of 12 participants who were all divided into two brackets, both an A and a B pool, which helped determine playoff seeding.

Drljaca started off at the bottom of the barrel, a sixth seed in pool B.

Drljaca's quick hands and eyes helped him overcome fifth seeded Josh Couwenhoven from pool A for the win and the coveted title of intramural rock, paper, scissors, also known as roeshamboe champ.

"I'm overwhelmed about my comeback," Drljaca said.

Couwenhoven displayed disappointment about his loss.

"I finished in second place again, which seems to be where I finish in every intramural that I play," Couwenhoven, a sophomore majoring in broadcasting, said. "This was, however, a very intense tournament."

Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik was thrilled with the way the tournament went.

"It was fun. We had a nice tournament, especially considering the weather forecast for the evening," said Dudzik. "Everyone had fun though. It went smooth."

Plans have already begun for the third Rock, Paper, Scissors tourney next year. There is no word on what the halftime show will be.

For a list of
intramurals this week:



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Josh Couwenhoven, a sophomore broadcasting major throws scissors to Nikola Drljaca, a junior philosophy major. The rock, paper, scissors tournament was held on Thursday.

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